

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

EDUCATION
COMMITTEE Minutes

June 1, 2015

Board Room – Trinity Hall

I. Call to Order

II. Elementary Enrollment Update – Mr. Jack Minnick

Mr. Minnick presented the numbers for all 4 elementary buildings and all areas are continuing to be monitored for appropriate class sizes/teacher ratios. Currently all student needs are being met with the existing teaching staff. The committee and the Board will be notified if there are any changes requiring staffing.

III. Trinity Area 8th Grade Unit of Study – Mrs. Buffy Biernesser

Mrs. Biernesser addressed the committee with the work done to this point, research and curriculum development. The community and alumni have been supportive and receptive. The Trinity Curriculum will begin being taught in the 2015-2016 school year at TMS.

IV. Harvard University Partnership with Trinity Middle School – Mr. Pete Keruskin and Mr. Greg Mittleider

Mr. Pete Keruskin and Mr. Greg Mittleider presented the proposal for a pilot class of CS50 (Computer programming) of 30 students for the 2015-2016 school year at TMS. The possibilities are endless as Trinity would partner with Harvard and Microsoft. The main discussion centered on choosing the 30 students for the pilot of the course. In 2016-2017 the intention is to deliver the CS 50 course to all 8th grade students.

V. Inside Out Update – Mr. Don Snoke

The parent information night was held at THS. The permission opt-in parents were distributed and the classes have begun 54 students enrolled originally, and 10 more students enrolled after the deadline. Ms. Watson, Mr. Spencer and

Mrs. Bebout have begun delivering the program to the students. Mrs. Podgurski will work with the additional 10 students free of charge. The plan is to begin the program next fall by October.

VI. Alice video request – Middle School Students

Chief Richard Horner presented the video and power point presentation of the ALICE materials for the elementary and 6th and 7th grade students. The TMS students created and produced the two presentations. Chief Horner has completed the high school and middle school student presentations. He is currently working to complete the elementary orientation assemblies by the end of this school year. Chief will continue the progression of in-servicing the students of the Trinity Area School District. The ALICE organization has requested to view the two presentations the TMS students created.

VII. Public Comment - None

VIII. New Business - None

IX. Adjournment

Committee members:
Jennifer Morgan, Chairperson, Penny Caleffe, Tom Durbin
Jennifer Lanas, Andy Migyanko, Jennifer Paluda, Nicole Bockstoce, Stephen Kelley,
Karen Drexler, Connie Schreibeis, Stacey McCullough